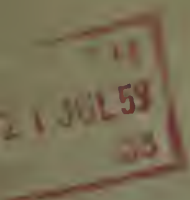
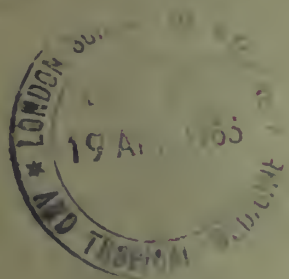


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ANNUAL REPORT

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for 1958

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May, 1959.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Frinton and Walton Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

It is again my pleasure to present the Annual Report on the state of public health in the Urban District of Frinton and Walton. Last year we produced the Annual Report in duplicated form, rather as an experiment. In view of the success of this innovation it is intended to continue with this type of production both in the interest of economy and early presentation. The section on vital statistics and my comments will again appear separately in the Report.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The total of 73 cases of infectious disease notified was 65 less than the previous year, the low incidence of measles being the primary cause. Sonne Dysentery was prevalent during the year throughout the country, although only 14 cases were notified as occurring in the District. Five individuals contracted Food Poisoning, but in each case this was caused by faulty food handling in the Home.

IMMUNISATION

A large number of the public have taken advantage of the facilities offered for poliomyelitis vaccination by the County Health Service.

Many people are now protected against the disease and it would seem that this might cause a change in the pattern of future outbreaks. Epidemiologists will watch with considerable interest any change of this nature.

We must however continue to call the attention of parents to the importance of whooping cough and diphtheria immunisation and to vaccination against smallpox, all of which are most important.

HEALTH EDUCATION

In November a National "Guard that Fire" Campaign was launched by the Ministry of Health with support from Local Authorities.

In my Districts the campaign was well patronised. Fire Officers gave lectures in the schools, ironmongers staged displays of Fire Guards, leaflets were distributed and in the cinemas short films were projected as part of the programme. Our thanks must be recorded to all those who co-operated in making the campaign a success. It is sincerely hoped that as a result of this propaganda the number of burning accidents in the home will be considerably reduced.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

During the year the Council have given much time to discussing the sewerage problems in the District. The Council's Engineering Consultants have been instructed to prepare schemes to eradicate the flooding which from time to time occurs in parts of the District. It is to be hoped that the Consultant Engineers will proceed with all speed in submitting their plans and that the Council on receiving them will be able to act with despatch. The continued flooding particularly in time of summer storms is not only unpleasant but prejudicial to health.

GENERAL

It is pleasing to be able to express my gratitude to the Public Health Committee and to the Council as a whole for their co-operation during the year. To the Staff of the Public Health Department I express my thanks for their work during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

R. D. PEARCE,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICAL MEMORANDUM

Urban District of	...	...	Frinton and Walton
Area in acres	...	...	6,293
Population:			
1951 Census	...	...	8,448
1958 Registrar General's estimate			8,830
Density of estimated population per acre			1.4
Rateable value	...	...	£157,000
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	£615
Number of inhabited houses	...	...	3,500
Total live births	...	...	88
Birth rate (crude)	...	...	10.0
Birth rate corrected	...	...	12.9
Birth rate (England and Wales)	...	...	16.4
Total live and still births	...	...	92
Total still births	...	...	4
Still birth rate	...	...	43.5
Still birth rate (England and Wales)	...	...	21.6
Total deaths	...	...	163
Death rate (crude)	...	...	18.5
Death rate (corrected)	...	...	12.6
Death rate (England and Wales)	...	...	11.7
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age	...	...	1
Infant mortality rate	...	...	11.4
Infant mortality rate (England and Wales)	...	...	22.5
Infant mortality rate - legitimate	...	...	11.8
Infant mortality rate - illegitimate	...	...	Nil
Neo-natal mortality rate	...	...	Nil
Number of illegitimate births	...	...	3
Percentage of total births	...	...	3.4
Deaths from diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...	...	1
Maternal deaths	...	...	Nil
Maternal mortality rate	...	...	Nil
Cancer deaths	...	...	31
Tuberculosis deaths	...	...	4

VITAL STATISTICS

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid year population is increased by 190.

There were 13 more live births in the district than in 1957 with a corresponding rise in the birth rate, although this continues to be lower than the National birth rate.

The still birth rate is higher than in the previous year and is above the rate for England and Wales.

The death rate is higher than in 1957 and for the first time for several years is higher than the National death rate.

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LIVE BIRTHS DURING 1958

		Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	...	37	48	85
Illegitimate	...	2	1	3
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Totals:		39	49	88
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DEATHS AT VARIOUS AGES DURING 1958

Under 1 year	1
1 and under 2 years		2
2 and under 5 years		-
5 and under 15 years		...	...	-
15 and under 25 years		...	...	2
25 and under 35 years		...	...	1
35 and under 45 years		...	...	1
45 and under 55 years		...	...	3
55 and under 65 years		16
65 and under 75 years		53
75 and under 85 years		51
85 years and upwards		33
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Total				163
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DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS

	Frinton	Walton	Kirby	Gt. Holland
Total deaths	60	69	29	5

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1958 (R.G.)

		Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	...	2	2	4
Cancer	...	16	15	31
Leukaemia	...	3	1	4
Diabetes	...	-	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system		11	18	29
Heart disease	...	27	25	52
Other circulatory diseases	...	4	2	6
Influenza	...	-	3	3
Pneumonia	...	2	4	6
Bronchitis	...	5	3	8
Other diseases of respiratory system		1	1	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum		1	1	2
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea		2	1	3
Nephritis and Nephrosis	...	-	3	3
Hyperplasia of prostate	...	-	-	-
Congenital malformations	...	2	1	3
Other defined and ill-defined diseases		-	6	6
Motor vehicle accidents	...	-	-	-
All other accidents	...	-	-	-
Suicide	...	1	-	1
		<u>77</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>163</u>

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Dysentery	14	1	-
Food poisoning	5	3	-
Infective Hepatitis	5	-	-
Measles	17	2	-
Pneumonia	6	-	-
Poliomyelitis	1	1	-
Scarlet Fever	3	-	-
Tuberculosis	2	1	-
Whooping Cough	20	1	-
	<u>73</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>-</u>

DISTRIBUTION OF THE CASES NOTIFIED

Disease	Frinton	Walton	Kirby	Gt. Holland
Dysentery	-	-	14	-
Food Poisoning	5	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	3	1	1	-
Measles	13	3	1	-
Pneumonia	2	-	4	-
Poliomyelitis	1	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	2	1
Tuberculosis	-	1	1	-
Whooping Cough	8	4	8	-
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	32	9	31	1
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IMMUNISATIONS IN 1958

DIPHTHERIA

Age	Primary Course	Boosting Dose
0 - 5	45	7
5 - 15	-	10

WHOOPING COUGH

0 - 5	28	-
5 - 15	1	1

POLIOMYELITIS

	Two Injections	Third Injections
0 - 5	114	-
5 - 15	411	-

TUBERCULOSIS

Particulars of cases notified and deaths occurring during the year 1958 are given below:-

Ages in Years	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1 - 5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Totals:	1	-	1	-	2	2	-	-

Notifications and deaths from Tuberculosis since 1955:-

Year	New Cases	Deaths
1955	3	-
1956	-	-
1957	4	-
1958	2	4

The following figures give the number of cases on the Register at the end on 1958:-

Respiratory Male	25	Non-Respiratory Male	7
Respiratory Female	12	Non-Respiratory Female	4
	<u>37</u>		<u>11</u>

Total Cases: 48.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951.

No formal action was necessary during 1958. Arrangements were made informally for one aged person to have a Home Help.

FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS.

Total number of outbreaks	Number of Cases	Number of Deaths	Organisms or other agents responsible with number of outbreaks attributable to each.	Food involved with number of outbreaks associated with each food.
2	5	-	Unknown	Unknown

LABORATORY INVESTIGATIONS OF WATER, FOOD, ETC.

(a) WATER

Examination	Tendring Hundred Waterworks Company's Supply.		Kirby-le-Soken Supply.		Private Sources.	
	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory
Bacteriological	4	-	7	10	-	1
Chemical	-	-	2	-	-	-

(b) MILK

Tuberculin Tested	-	2	Satisfactory
Pasteurised	-	3	Satisfactory
Sterilized	-	1	Satisfactory

(c) ICE-CREAM

	Grade I	Grade II
4	2	2

(d) OTHER FOODS

Food	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Artificial Cream Cakes	2	4
Artificial Cream	2	1
Custard Tart	1	-
Iced Lollies	3	1

(e) FOOD UTENSILS, FOOD CONTAINERS, ETC.

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Machine Cleansed		
Milk Bottles	3	3
Whisks	6	4
Beaters		
Mixing Bowls		
Savoy Bags		

(f) FAECAL SPECIMENS

20	10 positive
	10 negative

(g) ANIMAL FERTILIZER

A specimen of bone meal, purchased locally, was submitted for bacteriological examination to the Public Health Laboratory, Chelmsford at the request of the Director. Investigations are being carried out by the Laboratory into the incidence of pathogens in fertilizers of animal origin and in associated feeding stuffs.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

The whole of the water supplied to the District was obtained from the Dedham Pumping Station of the Tendring Hundred Waterworks Company. The quantity of water supplied in the twelve months ended 31st. December, 1958 amounted to 176.816 million gallons, an average daily consumption of 0.484 million gallons, with a peak of 0.669 million gallons per day. The total quantity taken for domestic purposes was 149.930 million gallons, an average daily consumption of 0.411 million gallons. The total amount taken through trade meters was 26.886 million gallons, an average daily consumption of 0.074 million gallons. The total number of connections (domestic and trade) made to the Company's mains was 140. Approximately 837 yards of new mains of 3" and 4" diameter were laid in the District during the year.

Towards the end of the year, the Laboratory reported unsatisfactory bacteriological findings upon samples of the Kirby-le-Soken Water Supply sent for routine examination. The source of the water is an underground stream, piped from a collecting chamber to the main street of the Village - and a few cottagers rely on the water for all domestic purposes. Action was taken immediately in collaboration with the Trustees of the Supply, and arrangements made for the collecting chamber and water service pipes to be cleansed and sterilized, and for improvements to be carried out to the collecting chamber. Diminishing contamination was later reported by the Laboratory upon further successive samples of the water sent for examination, and it is expected that the condition of the water will be satisfactory early in 1959. It is thought probable that the frequent and intensive rainfalls experienced during 1958, caused surface contamination to penetrate and pollute the Supply.

Private well supplies are kept under observation, and the water sampled from time to time. A polluted well was closed during the year.

The approximate number of dwelling-houses supplied by public water mains is:-

	Houses	Population
A. Direct to houses	3,375	8,250
B. Standpipes	105	400

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

The following is a synopsis of the principal work carried out by the Public Health Inspector during 1958:-

Inspections (Public Health and Housing Acts)	560
Other Inspections 	510
Informal Notices served ...	264
Informal Notices complied with ...	253
Formal Notices served ...	23
Formal Notices complied with ...	19

The following are the Principal Improvements obtained:-

HOUSING

Roofs overhauled 	1
Roofs repaired 	9
Gutters and spouting, repaired or renewed	21
Chimney stacks repaired 	4
Walls damp-proofed 	6
Wall plinths provided 	4
Floors repaired 	17
Floors renewed 	11
Floor skirtings repaired or renewed	3
Sub-floor ventilation provided or improved	8
Wall and ceiling plaster repaired	19
Ceilings lined 	5
Door repairs or renewals ...	11
Windows repaired 	9
Windows, new provided 	2
Firegrates repaired 	5
Kitchen sinks provided or renewed	4
Rooms cleansed and decorated ...	10
Larder ventilation provided ...	1
Kitchener replaced 	1
Kitchen Boiler renewed 	1
Hot Water Systems provided ...	2
Baths provided 	2
Wash hand basins provided ...	2

DRAINAGE

Drainage systems provided	...	2
Drainage systems repaired or improved		26
Drainage systems renewed in part		5
Drainage systems cleansed	...	19
Sewer connections made	...	5
Drainage ditches cleansed and graded		3
Cesspits emptied and cleansed	...	31
Cesspits abolished	...	2

CLOSETS

Pail-closets abolished	...	3
Water-closets provided	...	19
W. C. accommodation repaired	...	12
W. C. accommodation improved	...	12
W. C. accommodation cleansed and redecorated		15

YARD PAVING

Concrete yard paving provided	...	1
Yard surfaces repaired	...	3
Yard drainage improved	...	2

DUSTBINS

Defective bins renewed	...	95
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NUISANCES

Animal nuisances abated	...	3
Insect nuisances abated	...	4
Rooms fumigated	...	10
Rubbish accumulations removed	...	9
Offensive accumulations removed	...	3
Pond cleansed	...	1
Dilapidated garden sheds demolished		2
Shop property disinfested	...	1

PESTS ACT, 1954

Severe infestation by rabbits of a large tract of scrubland adjacent to private houses on the cliffs lying between Frinton-on-Sea and Walton-on-Naze, was referred to the Essex Agricultural Committee. Some ten acres of the land were subsequently cleared of scrub and overgrowths, and rabbit destruction satisfactorily undertaken by the Committee under a contractual arrangement with the land owners.

COMPOST

During the year, the Council embarked on a small experimental scheme in the production of compost, using vegetable trimmings, fruit rejects, grass cuttings, barley straw, domestic refuse and sewage sludge. Some nine tons of compost was produced and sold. A number of difficulties have yet to be overcome, and experiments are continuing.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOOD) ORDER, 1957

One licence was granted in respect of the suitability and adequacy of plant, equipment and arrangements in the operation of boiling waste foods intended for feeding to animals and poultry.

HAIRDRESSING ESTABLISHMENTS

Premises redecorated	...	1
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FOOD PREMISES

Bakery Oven fire-box and flue isolated	1
Walls, ceilings and floors cleansed, number of premises	4
Ceiling and wallplaster repaired, number of premises	6
Walls tiled	4
Premises redecorated throughout	6
Premises redecorated in part	3
Constant supply of hot water provided to kitchen sinks or staff wash-basins	2
Separate staff hand-washing basins provided	2
Towel Dispensing Machines installed	4
Impervious tops provided to food preparation tables	6
Modern food preparation tables provided	6
Tiled splash surrounds provided to sinks	2
Staff toilet accommodation improved	3
Miscellaneous improvements	23

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The installation of an additional sewage pump at the Walton-on-Naze Sewage Works was nearing completion at the end of the year. The pump should assist in relieving back-flooding of the main sewer at times of storm.

Regarding the Main Drainage Scheme, the Consultants are expected to submit, early in 1959, proposals for the re-sewering of the worst affected parts of Walton-on-Naze and providing sewage disposal works, as well as a scheme for improving sewage disposal arrangements at Great Holland.

DRAINAGE

Brief particulars of drainage improvements are set out in Page 13.

RIVERS AND STREAM POLLUTION

No action was necessary during the year.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

No. of Infested Houses:-	
Council Houses	Nil
Other Houses	2

No. of Houses Disinfested:-	
Council Houses	Nil
Other Houses	2

VERMIN, MOTH, ETC.

Rooms fumigated	5
Bedding steam disinfested	2 lots
Carpets and other articles	
steam disinfested	1 lot
Articles destroyed	1 lot

MOSQUITO DESTRUCTION

Spraying of mass breeding areas with Larvicide is carried out at the appropriate season of the year. Larvicide is also made available to local residents, at a small charge, for the treatment of minor breeding areas on private land.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

Some 61 inspections of shop premises, excluding food shops, were made during the year. Minor defects were rectified following informal action.

DISINFECTIONS

Rooms and contents fumigated	11
Caravans and contents fumigated	9
Bedding steam disinfected	3 lots
Bedding and clothing destroyed	3 lots
Beach Hut fumigated	1
Crockery and cutlery disinfected	3 lots
Library books disinfected	17

CARAVANS AND CAMPING SITES

Two new caravan camping sites were licensed during the year under review. There are now nine camping sites in the Urban District, involving some 44 acres of land licensed to accommodate 1,063 caravans. All are seasonal camps, provided with modern sanitation, main drainage and mains water supply. Conditions of Licence are rigorously enforced, ensuring effective sanitary control of the sites. Refuse from camps is removed regularly by the Council's refuse vehicles, the removal work being undertaken at the expense of site operators.

Licences were also granted in respect of three individual caravans used for seasonal holiday purposes.

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL ACT, 1952 - HOUSEBOATS

The Council gave consent to the mooring, subject to compliance with Conditions relating to sanitation generally, of 14 houseboats in and adjoining the Yacht Club Tidal Basin, Walton-on-Naze.

PORT SANITATION

No action was required under the Port Sanitary Regulations.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Visits by Public Health Inspector	65
Visits by Rodent Operator	940

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Reg- ister (3)	Number of		Occupi- ers prose- cuted (6)
			Inspec- tions (4)	Written Notices (5)	
(i) Factories in which Sec- tions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	21	16	3	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	2	57	10	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworker's premises)	3	-	-	-	-
Totals:		78	26	3	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases".)

Particulars (1)	M/c line No. (2)	No. of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecu- tions were instituted (7)
		Found (3)	Reme- died (4)	To H.M. Inspec- tor. (5)	Referred By H.M. Inspec- tor. (6)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	4	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	5	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)	6	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	7	1	1	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	8	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.) (a)						
Insufficient (b)	9	3	3	-	2	-
Unsuitable or Defective (c)	10	2	2	-	-	-
Not separate for sexes	11	-	-	-	-	-
Other offen- ces against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	12	-	-	-	-	-
Totals:		6	6	-	2	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK (Section 110)

Nature of Work	M/c line No.	Section 110		
		No of Out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c) (3)	No of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (4)	Number of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (5)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Wearing Apparel, Making etc.	13	1	-	-

The Premises were inspected and found to be in a satisfactory condition.

HOUSING

INSPECTION

Total number of houses inspected for housing defects under Housing or Public Health Acts 210

HOUSING ACTS

Number of Houses in respect of which			
demolition orders were made	...	...	8
Houses demolished	...	...	4
Undertakings not to re-let for human habitation	...	...	7
Houses inspected for overcrowding or permitted numbers	...	...	9

REPAIRS

Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the year as a result of INFORMAL ACTION under the Housing or Public Health Acts ... 61

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

Action after service of FORMAL NOTICE.

Houses in which defects were remedied:-

By owners	18
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HOUSING ACT, 1936.

Houses made fit:-

By owners	2
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RENT ACT, 1957.

Applications for Certificates of Disrepair	2
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Decisions to issue Certificates	...	2
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Undertakings by Landlords to remedy defects	2
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Undertakings by Landlords implemented	...	2
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NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING 1958.

Houses erected by private enterprise,	completed	124
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Council Houses	Nil
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COUNCIL HOUSING SITES

Three further small housing sites, one each in Rectory Road, Great Holland, Thorpe Road, Kirby Cross and Second Avenue, Walton-on-Naze, have been planned but will not be proceeded with until the present financial restrictions are lifted.

Council houses erected since 1946: 146.

INADEQUATELY HOUSED FAMILIES

Eight families were re-housed in Council houses and bungalows during 1958. The number of applicants on the Waiting Lists for houses and bungalows at the end of the year was 63.

REQUISITIONED HOUSING ACCOMMODATION

One house in Walton-on-Naze is held by the Council under requisition as housing accommodation.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

During the year, 9 improvement grants were approved by the Council in connection with the modernization of old but structurally sound dwellings.

FOOD

FOOD PREMISES

The following summary shows the number of premises at which food for human consumption is sold or prepared for sale, and the number of visits paid.

Premises	Number	Inspections
Grocers and Provision Merchants	29	37
Restaurants	25	57
Hotels	9	7
Seasonal Refreshment Kiosks	9	8
School Canteens	5	2
Workshop Canteen	1	1
Clubs	2	1
Butchers	11	106
Bakeries and Cake Shops ...	16	64
Wet Fish Shops	6	9
Fried Fish Shops	4	5
Dairy	1	9
Milk Shops	7	11
Food Hawkers Premises ...	2	2
Greengrocers and Fruiterers ...	11	18
Confectioners	19	11
Ice-Cream	55	23
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	212	371
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REGISTRATION OF FOOD PREPARATION PREMISES

The number of food premises registered with the Council under the Food and Drugs Act or the Essex County Council Act is as follows:-

Ice-cream, sale	55
Shell-fish, preparation	1
Fried Fish Shops	4
Sausage and Preserved Meats, preparation	16

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are no slaughterhouses in the Urban District. Most of the meat supplied to the area is obtained by local purveyors from wholesale suppliers. One or two purveyors arrange for live animals to be slaughtered in a private licensed slaughterhouse in an adjoining District. Meat and foods, under preparation and exposed for sale, are inspected from time to time and as occasion arises.

The following List gives particulars of diseased or unsound meat and foods which were surrendered voluntarily for destruction.

Food		Weight in lbs
Beef	...	141
Fish	...	55
Meat, tinned	...	156
Fish, "	...	53
Fruit, "	...	145
Milk, "	...	7
Potatoes	...	112
Other foods, tinned		28
Other foods, packeted		125

UN SOUND FLOUR CONFECTIONERY

Following the sale of a pre-packed cake, satisfactory in appearance but subsequently found when un-wrapped to be in stale and mouldy condition, the Council made representations to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food regarding the desirability of introducing a requirement that the date after which the keeping life of such products will expire, should be marked on wrappers by the manufacturers. The Minister stated in reply that for a number of reasons it would not be reasonable or necessarily satisfactory to make it obligatory for packeted goods to be marked with the date of packing, and expressed the opinion that effective protection is given to the consumer by the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 which make it an offence to sell food unfit for human consumption.

MILK SUPPLY

There is one registered dairy in the area. The building, plant and equipment, and arrangements for the pasteurization, handling and distribution of milk are satisfactory. The milk supply for the Urban District is obtained from local dairy farms and Dairy Companies having premises outside the area.

Registered distributors of milk number 8.

Under the provisions of the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1949, 6 dealers were granted licenses authorizing the use of the special designations Tuberculin Tested, Pasteurised and Sterilized in relation to milk sold locally.

ICE-CREAM

Pre-packed ice-cream is sold throughout the area under satisfactory conditions. At the end of the year, there were 55 vendors of ice-cream on the Register. There are no manufacturers of ice-cream in the area.

BAKEHOUSES

The 9 bakehouses received some 48 visits of inspection, and a number of improvements were carried out following informal action. There are no underground bakehouses in the area.

FOOD HYGIENE

Advice and instruction in the important matter of food hygiene are given food handlers during regular and casual visits to foodshops and catering premises. Every opportunity is taken to remind managements and staffs of their responsibilities in this direction. Experience shows the necessity of frequent inspection of premises and supervision of food handlers.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

REFUSE COLLECTION, REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL

Domestic refuse is collected weekly from all dwelling-houses, and removed for disposal by modern side and rear-loading motor vehicles. Three vehicles are engaged in the work all the year round. An additional motor refuse vehicle is used for a few weeks in the summer to assist in the work. Trade refuse is removed by arrangement.

The total weight of refuse collected during the year is estimated to have been 3,800 tons. Income from the removal of refuse from camping grounds and trade premises amounted to £788.

Refuse is disposed of by incineration and semi controlled tipping at the Refuse Disposal Site in Maltings Lane, Kirby-le-Soken. Two men are employed on the site in the disposal of refuse, sorting salvageable materials, baling waste paper, making up and maintaining vehicle access tracks, and miscellaneous work in the maintenance of the site. There are no mechanical aids in the disposal of refuse.

Rodents are controlled by regular poisoning campaigns, and anti-fly measures are undertaken regularly during the Spring/Autumn period.

The Council's Dustbins Scheme operates very satisfactorily. Some 95 defective dustbins at dwelling-houses were replaced by new bins under the Scheme.

SALVAGE

The weight and value of salvage collected and sold during the year are given in the following summary:-

	Tons	£
Waste Paper	27 $\frac{3}{4}$	226
Metals, Textiles, etc.	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	65 $\frac{1}{2}$
	<hr/> 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ <hr/>	<hr/> 291 $\frac{1}{2}$ <hr/>

STREET SCAVENGING

In July, 1958, the Council purchased a Lewin Orderly street sweeping machine at a cost of £2,618. The machine has been continuously in operation since its purchase, and a much higher standard of carriageway cleaning has been achieved.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The enlargement and modernization of the male section of Church Road Car Park Public Conveniences in Walton-on-Naze, was completed early in 1958.

SUNSHINE AND RAINFALL RECORDS

Readings were taken throughout the year at the Meteorological Station, Walton-on-Naze. The total sunshine for 1958 was 1555.9 hours, with a maximum monthly total of 221 hours in July, and a maximum daily total of 14.9 hours on 14th June. During the year there were 66 sunless days.

During the same twelve months 29.34 inches of rain fell, the heaviest monthly total being 3.58 inches in January, and the greatest amount of rain in one day was 1.83 inches on 26th. May. There was no rain for 195 days of 1958.

